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## Aruba's Nicole Hoevertsz receives international recognition as one of the 25 'Most Influential Women' in international Olympic Sports



ORANJESTAD -- The international sports publication, "Around The Rings," has recently published an interesting article regarding the secretary general of the Aruba Olympic Committee, Nicole Hoevertsz. The article sites the Golden 25 Women, recognized as the 25 most influential women with the greatest impact on the Olympic Movement.

The "Around The Rings" expressed their appreciation for these 25 women. It also points to the reality that very few women have active leadership roles in the sports world. The absence of women in leadership positions in sports is alarming. And the publication's objective in publishing the list of the "Golden 25 Women" is to eliminate this inequality.

The article says... "Nicole Hoevertsz is a trail blazer for women in leadership in sports in the Pan American continent. Hoevertsz, 48, became the first woman to be elected to the Executive Committee of the Organización Deportivo Panamericano

(ODEPA) back in 1998. To date, she is still one of the few female members of this Executive Committee. In ODEPA, Nicole is also president of the Comision 'Women in Sports' and occupies the role of Head of Protocol of the organization.

In 2006, Nicole Hoevertsz was elected as a Member of the International Olympic Committee. She currently serves the IOC in three different commissions. These are the influential commissions of Coordination for the Rio 2016 Olympic Games, the International Relations Commission and the Commission of Women and Sports.

As an Olympic athlete, Hoevertsz represented Aruba (back then as part of the Netherlands Antilles) at the 1984 Los Angeles Olympic games as a synchronized swimmer.

Nicole currently holds the position of Secretary - General of Aruba's Olympic Committee.

Nicole studied law in The Netherlands and finished her academic studies as a jurist.

In her professional career, she worked as judicial counselor to the Prime Minister of Aruba, and at the Department of External Affairs. She is currently the Secretary of the Counsel of Ministers. When she became interim Secretary of the Counsel of Ministers back in 1994, she was the first woman in the Dutch Kingdom to occupy said position." Thus far the article in the "Around The Rings." Our congratulations to Nicole.

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## New blow for Obama health law

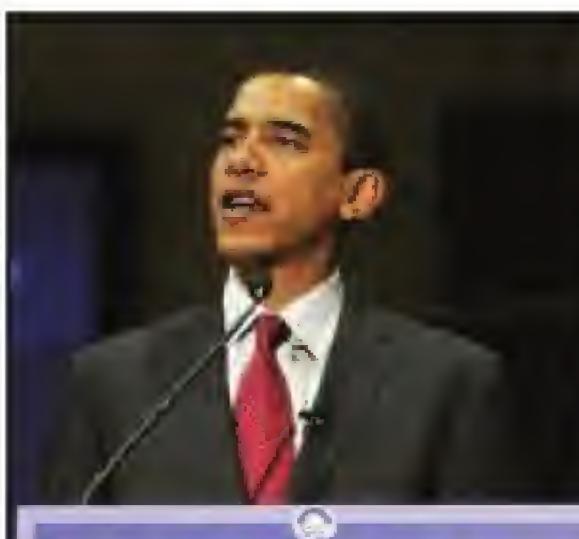
WASHINGTON (AFP) - President Barack Obama's health care law suffered a new blow Monday, as his administration delayed a key component requiring small businesses to provide insurance to employees or face a fine.

The decision was the latest glitch to Obama's signature domestic achievement which has been plagued by political attacks and a disastrous debut for a sign-up website.

Department of Treasury officials writing rules for the Affordable Care Act decided that business with fewer than 100 workers but more than 50 would have an extra year -- until 2016 to offer health care to employees or face a fine.

The requirement, known as the employer mandate had already been put off by one year.

"While about 96 percent of employers are not subject to the employer responsibility provision, for those employers that are, we will continue to make the compliance process simpler and easier to navigate," said Assistant Secretary for Tax Policy Mark Mazur.



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Firms with over 100 employees will get more time to complete the insurance process but will still have to start paying a fine for some workers in 2015 if they fail to offer health insurance to workers.

Republicans seized on the new adjustment to the law to accuse Obama of usurping his powers to cover up for what they see as the health care reform's failure.

"The White House seems to have a new exemption from its failed law for a different group every month," said Mitch McConnell, the top Republican in the Senate.

"It's time to extend that ex-

emption to families and individuals -- not just businesses."

Republicans are making controversy over the health care law the centerpiece of the campaign to win mid-term elections, in the hope of taking back the Senate.

As well as the website debacle, Obamacare was also hit by the president's now discredited promise that if Americans liked their existing plans and doctors they could keep them.

Obama however argues that after early glitches, the law is gathering pace.

He says nine million people have now signed up for new insurance policies or joined an expanded Medicaid program for the poor.

He also touts reforms that now prevent private insurance firms from turning away patients with pre-existing conditions from taking out new policies.

Children of policy holders who are not in full time work can now remain on plans held by their parents until the age of 26.



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SETAR will be covering the complete event taking place on 3 nights, Feb. 11, 12 and 13. With the grand final being on Saturday February 15th at the Carnaval Village in San Nicolas.

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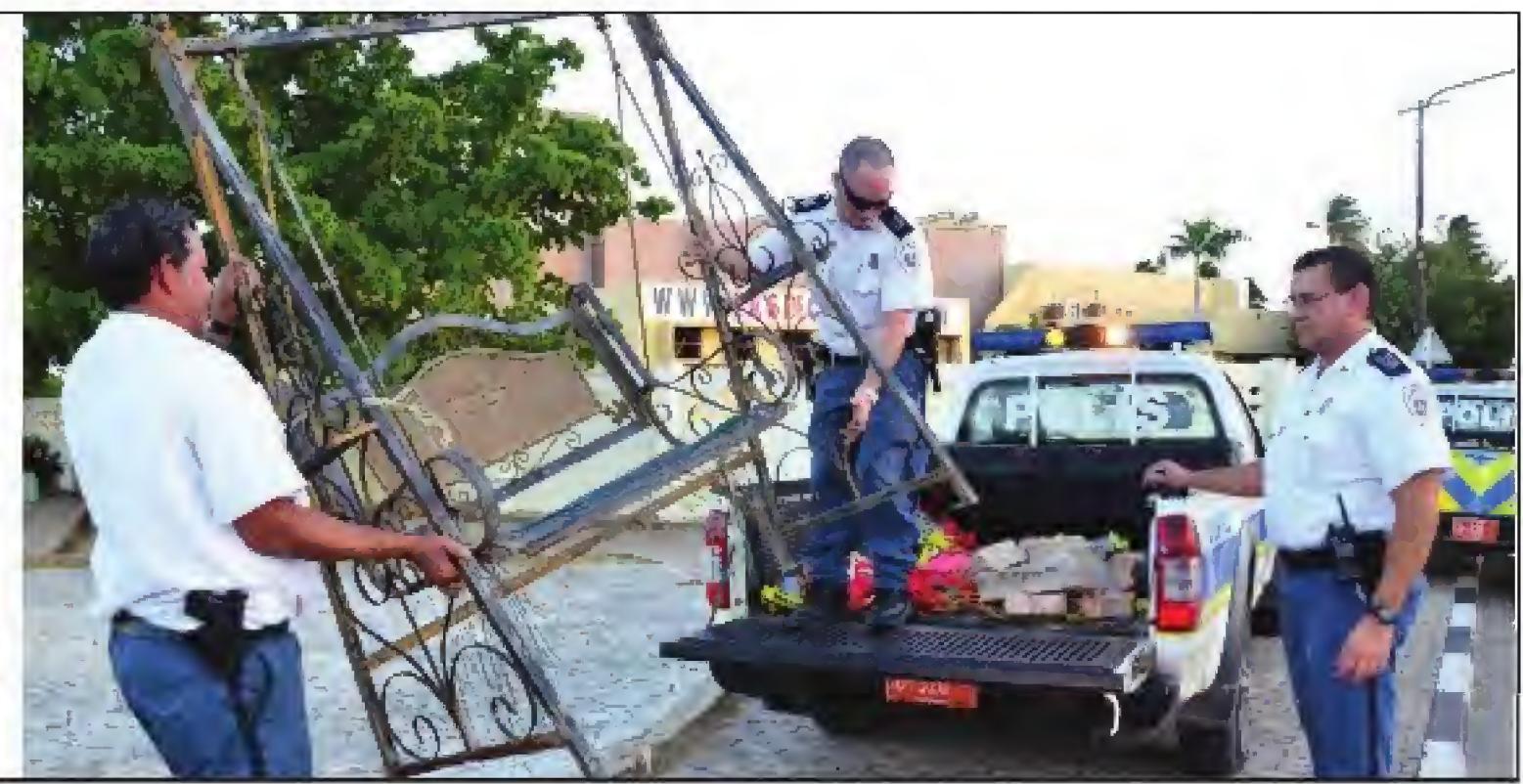
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Police has removed all objects from the public roads!

**It is not permitted to place or install anything on the Carnaval Route!**



ORANJESTAD -- Last week the Police assisted by the Fire Department held a clean-up action on the routes of the Carnaval parades. During 2 days they collected different objects enough to fill up four pick-up trucks.

Community to put objects on the Carnaval route to reserve a good spot to stand or sit during the Carnaval parades, but this can only be done with and when the Police gives permission.

The Police request cooperation of the community to not put any objects on the Carnaval routes as yet and no cars on the sidewalks either because everything will be removed! They will be controlling daily and will continue removing these objects until they announce the official date when this is permitted.

Objects such as chairs, benches, crates, chains, ribbons, tires, ropes and much more were taken into possession.

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**Aruba's 60th Carnaval****Contestants Caiso & Soca Monarch 2014**

Date	ARTIST NAME	SONG	CAISO	SOCA	BAND
<b>TUESDAY FEBRUARY 11, 2014</b>					
11-feb	Mighty Lloyd B.	Aruba Jammin Sixty		1	The Aruba Invaders
11-feb	PanMAN	Reckingball	1		The Aruba Invaders
11-feb	Mr. Hotone	Crapo Smoke your Pipe	1		Hot Ones Band
11-feb	Mr. Hotone	Wuk it up like So!		1	Hot Ones Band
11-feb	Queen T	Carnival Time once again		1	Hot Ones Band
11-feb	AFRO	I'm Back		1	BMW
11-feb	Mighty Buddy	Volcano		1	BMW
11-feb	Mighty Sweetness	Getting In Shape for 60		1	BMW
11-feb	Sista B	Stamp and Cus		1	BMW
11-feb	Daddy Bass	Wok u Bam		1	BMW
11-feb	Easy B	Open Arms		1	BMW
11-feb	Lady Galloway	We Are Carnaval		1	BMW
11-feb	Lady Galloway	Who is Kalso?	1		BMW
11-feb	Galloway Jr.	True Revelers		1	BMW
11-feb	Oz	Ban Pariba		1	Upgrade
11-feb	King Leon	Hopi Cool		1	Upgrade
11-feb	King Leon	I forgot	1		Upgrade
11-feb	DJ Colochi	Tene		1	Upgrade
11-feb	Lord Cheezy	Who cares		1	Upgrade
11-feb	Ritmo Real	Size ain't a problem		1	Upgrade
11-feb	Freddy	Sleep walking		1	Upgrade
11-feb	Chris V.	Flush It		1	Upgrade
11-feb	Big Q	Checklist		1	Simplemente PaBo
11-feb	Big Q	Respect	1		Simplemente PaBo
11-feb	Mighty Campo	Tell me it ain't so	1		Duro
11-feb	King Rupi	Play my Furuko	1		Duro
11-feb	King Rupi	Belly Out		1	Duro
11-feb	Influenz	In a motion		1	Duro
11-feb	Lord skinny	Clap or don't clap	1		The Failures
11-feb	Lord skinny	Melody in meh culture		1	The Failures
11-feb	The Empress	Woman, stand by yo man	1		The Failures
11-feb	Rootsman Sonny	Through the hassle	1		The Failures
11-feb	Dr. Boa	Old time mass		1	The Failures
11-feb	Mighty Ong	Back to back		1	The Failures
11-feb	Mighty S	Jam here		1	The Failures
11-feb	Dr.Jones	Bouncing		1	The Failures
11-feb	Pink Diamond	Try to get an Education	1		Le Groove
11-feb	Pink Diamond	Reckless!!		1	Le Groove
11-feb	Patin Pret	Camel Toe		1	Le Groove
11-feb	Patin Pret	My 2 cristal balls	1		Le Groove
11-feb	Blacky	Heart & Soul 4 D'60		1	Le Groove
11-feb	Blacky	True Talks	1		Le Groove
11-feb	The Teacher	What's Cookin'		1	Le Groove
11-feb	The Teacher	Teach Me	1		Le Groove
11-feb	Black Diamond	Old Skool Soca		1	Le Groove
11-feb	King Law	Down in Mexico		1	Le Groove
11-feb	King Cashual	Wind that thing giol		1	Le Groove
11-feb	Diamond Chip	Wild and Nasty 4 D'60		1	Le Groove
11-feb	Diamond Chip	Jump & Breakaway, it's 60		1	Le Groove
11-feb	Mighty Eagle	Jouvert Jab Jab		1	Le Groove
11-feb	Big Barbie	Enjoy yself, it's 60		1	Le Groove
11-feb	Lady Amazon	Line Up		1	Le Groove

**BAND line-up - Pre-Finals Feb.11**

dag	nr	BAND	nrs	soca	caiso
11-feb	1	The Aruba Invaders	1	1	
11-feb	2	Hot Ones band	2	1	
11-feb	3	B.M.W	8	1	
11-feb	4	Upgrade	7	1	
11-feb	5	Simplemente PaBo	1	1	
11-feb	6	DURO	3	2	
11-feb	7	The Failures	3	5	
11-feb	8	Le Groove	12	4	

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Oranjestad, Tel : 5884494**Caiso & Soca Monarch 2014 pre-finals begins tonight!**

SAN NICOLAS -- Aruba is gearing up for the most important musical event on their annual calendar: the Caiso and Soca Monarch contest, beginning with three nights of pre-finals tonight. Organizers and the head of the Foundation Musica, Hildward Croes, welcomed media to observe the fantastic set up in the newly completed Carnival Village in San Nicolas, where the event will take place.

The contest, traditionally known as the Calypso and Roadmarch, will result in the Roadmarch King or Queen, and the song that will become the anthem for the remaining carnival parades. Calypso is a musical form focusing on political and social commentary in its lyrics, often humorous, but always timely and with a significant message.

The organizers of this year's event report record participation, with 138 original musical compositions registered to be performed. 28 bands have inscribed to

perform over the three nights of the pre-finals, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February 11, 12 and 13. Many will be backing up more than one singing performance. On Tuesday, there will be 52 vocal performances, with some singers competing for both titles with two completely different compositions.

The selected bands and songs will go on to the Caiso and Soca Monarch Finals at the Carnival Village on Saturday, evening, February 15.

Tickets for the pre-finals are 20 Arubian florins and tickets for the final event are 45 Arubian florins. Tickets are being sold at all LOTTO outlets across Aruba, this is over 120 locations. Reasonably priced parking has been arranged with several venues within easy walking distance of the Carnival Village, including the Abraham De Veer School in San Nicolas.

Pre-finals start at 7 p.m.  
See tonight's line-up in schedule at left.

**Carnaval Schedule**

Tue -Feb 11: Pre-Final Caiso & Soca Monarch 2014 (Location - The Carnaval Village in San Nicolas)

7 p.m.

Wed -Feb 12: Pre-Final Caiso & Soca Monarch 2014 (Location - The Carnaval Village in San Nicolas)

7 p.m.

Thu -Feb 13: Pre-Final Caiso & Soca Monarch 2014 (Location - The Carnaval Village in San Nicolas)

7 p.m.

SAT - Feb 15: Grand Final Caiso & Soca Monarch 2014 (Location - The Carnaval Village in San Nicolas)

8 p.m.

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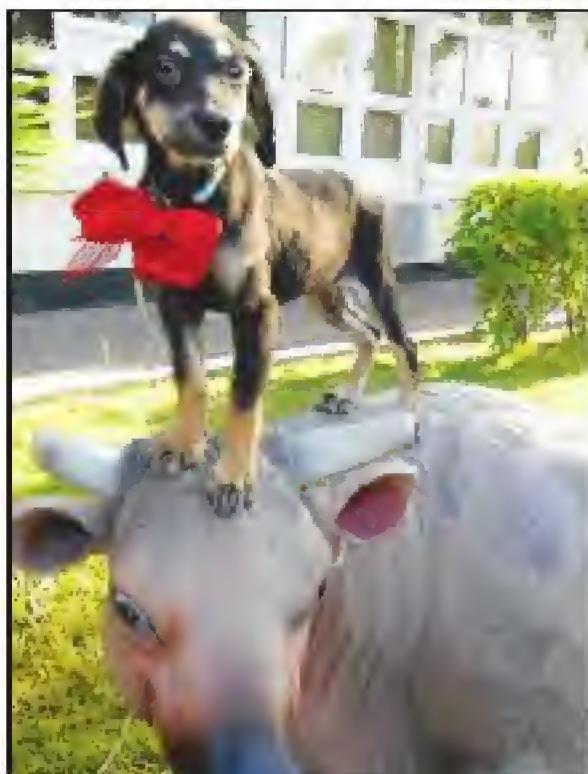
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## *Cas Animal Cont'd*

### **Another great success story from Cas Animal**



Aaron the Cas Animal Christmas puppy

ORANJESTAD -- The Cas Animal Foundation of Aruba is dedicated to rescuing abandoned and abused dogs off-island streets, ideally to be placed in a good home. No matter how badly injured or weaken by diseased, Cas An-

imal founder, Kirsten Arndt, has discovered hundreds of times over that with proper medical care, they can be rehabilitated to be a wonderful friend to a loving person. Often, their afflictions are only superficial, but rendering them unattractive, which is no reason, in Kirsten's opinion, to deprive them of a happy life and the chance to be a loyal, loving companion.

The foundation's mission is to build Aruba's first no-kill animal shelter, but the primary goal aside from providing a home for the unwanted, is to place the rescued dogs in loving homes. For the last six months Cas Animal has been experiencing exceptional success along this lines. The latest pairing was the founda-



Brandy departing Aruba with Aaron

tion's holiday poster puppy, Aaron, with frequent island visitor Brandy Hawk of Pennsylvania.

Brandy is also adopting two adult dogs and a puppy, which got a last minute reprieve from being put down

by local animal control services. Brandy is a staunch supporter of Aruba establishing a no-kill dog shelter, and plans to recruit all her friends and other like minded individuals for a concerted e-mail and letter campaign to make it happen.

Brandy departed Aruba with Aaron around two weeks ago, and is returning for her other adopted dogs at the end of the month, when they will

be healthy enough to travel. She adores her Aruban companion, who seems very happy with his lovely new overcoat as he discovers a world with snow, and is growing into a handsome and lively dog.

Anyone who may be interested is encouraged to adopt one of your lovely cumu dogs, a wonderful reminder of their time on Aruba. Call Kirsten at 742-8732 and she will help you through the process of acquiring the papers and a carrier needed to take one home. As this story demonstrates, this is done regularly and many happy owners find great pleasure in being reminded every day of Aruba by the loving new



Aaron and his loving friend Brandy

companion.

The medical and feeding costs of all the rescued animals under foundation care is never ending. Those wishing to support Kirsten's work with donations can do so in the form of payment to the Cas Animal Foundation account at the Contreras Veterinary Clinics, call: 587-0917. Donations can be made directly to the foundation's account: Cas Animal Foundation, CMB Bank account # 25762110. Kirsten maintains an animal ambulance, and be contacted to report a dog in distress.

By Rosalie Klein

### **Mary Joan Foundation with lecture on Breast Cancer and Exercise tonight!**



Jacqueline van Putten Ponson

Tonight at 8 p.m. - 9:30 p.m. at Fantastic Gardens Mary Joan Foundation will be holding an informative night regarding their exercise program starting in March.

Jaqueline van Putten Ponson will be conducting the lecture on movement to enhance the quality of life.

It is a fact that regular exercise has a positive effect on our health, especially those who have a chronic disease such as breast cancer. Doing exercise can lower the emotional stress and give one a feeling of control on their health. Many of Mary Joan's clients have already participated at their activity given for free of movement and yoga. This offered to all Mary Joan's registered clients. This program has been organized many times already which has duration of 6 weeks. Clients who followed this program claim to be able use the affected arm better after breast cancer surgery.

So Mary Joan Foundation invites everyone to come and listen to this interesting lecture.

For more information on Mary Joan Foundation one can call

588-9999 or send an email to [maryjoanfoundation@setarnet.aw](mailto:maryjoanfoundation@setarnet.aw) or follow them on: [Facebook.com/maryjoanfoundationaruba](https://www.facebook.com/maryjoanfoundationaruba).

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## US warns against certain Caribbean flights from Guyana

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States warned its nationals, in a rare, highly detailed public caution, not to travel on US-bound Caribbean Airlines flights originating in Guyana Monday through Wednesday.

In an unusually specific warning, the US embassy in the capital of Georgetown made the appeal because it had "received unconfirmed threat information" on Caribbean Airlines flights departing Monday, a statement posted on the embassy's website said.

"Out of an abundance of caution, the embassy advises all US citizens in Guyana traveling on Caribbean Airlines (CAL) to the United States from Monday February 10 through Wednesday February 12, to make alternate travel arrangements," the statement said.

"When we have something, again, that we think is

credible and specific, then we take precautions," State Department spokeswoman Marie Harf told reporters.

Harf did not comment on Guyana's ability to handle international security.

Guyana is a small and diverse but poor nation of about 700,000 people. Its largest ethnic group is descended from Indian laborers brought in during the British colonial era. The next largest group is Afro-Guyanese.

The airline, based in nearby Trinidad and Tobago, sought to play down any security concerns, saying additional security measures were in place in Guyana.

In 2007, two Guyanese nationals were among four people convicted of taking part in a foiled plot by a group of militant Muslims to firebomb New York City's John F. Kennedy International Airport.

## GM's Barra will earn much more than male predecessor



NEW YORK (AFP) - The new General Motors boss, Mary Barra, will earn a total pay package of \$14.4 million this year, 60 percent more than her male predecessor, the automaker said Monday.

Feminist organizations were outraged late last week after US media reports said Barra would only be paid \$4.4 million, less than half of former chief executive Dan Akerson, who had pocketed \$9 million in 2013 and stepped down in January.

But Barra, the first woman to head a global automaker, is

slated to receive \$14.4 million for 2014, dependent on the company's performance, GM said.

GM said it was releasing details of her pay package now "to correct misperceptions".

The compensation package breaks down to salary of \$1.6 million; short-term incentive compensation of \$2.8 million; and long-term compensation of \$10 million.

"As a new CEO, Mary's total compensation is in line with her peer group and properly weighted so that most is at-risk," said GM chairman Tim Solso.

"The company's performance will ultimately determine how much she is paid."

The long-term compensation is subject to the approval of a new incentive plan by GM stockholders at the company's annual meeting in June.

## NY to issue undocumented immigrants papers

NEW YORK (AFP) - New York Mayor Bill de Blasio said Monday that the city would give undocumented immigrants identity papers to allow them to live more normal lives.

"To all of my fellow New Yorkers who are undocumented, I say: New York City is your home too, and we will not force ANY of our residents to live their lives in the shadows," de Blasio said in a speech at Queens College.

The initiative's aim is to ensure that undocumented residents are able to do things like open bank accounts, sign leases and gain access to basic services.

"We will protect the almost half-million undocumented New Yorkers whose voices too often go unheard," de Blasio said.

## Google becomes number two in market value

NEW YORK (AFP) - Google overtook US oil giant ExxonMobil on Monday to become the world's number two company when rated by market value, behind its high-tech rival Apple.

Even though Google shares fell 0.38 percent, a bigger drop in Exxon stock allowed the Internet giant to capture the second spot in market capitalization.

Google's market cap at the end of the trading day was \$394 billion, compared to the \$388 billion of ExxonMobil. Apple remained well ahead with a market capitalization of \$472 billion.

Google briefly overtook Exxon during the trading session last Friday but Monday was the first time this was confirmed at the close of trade.

ExxonMobil shares fell 1.17 percent on Monday to \$89.53, bringing its year-to-date loss to 11.5 percent.

Google, despite Monday's modest dip, is near its all-time high and has doubled in value since July 2012. The shares closed Monday at \$1,172.93.

The California-based Internet group is the world leader in online advertising, its Android operating system has become the dominant platform for smartphones and is also gaining fast in tablet devices.

Google's other projects include a self-driving car and its Google Glass eyewear. The company recently bought Nest Labs in what is seen as a move into connected home technology.

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MEXICO CITY (AFP) - A Franco-American man on a motorcycle journey across Latin America disappeared in late January in western Mexico's drug violence-plagued state of Michoacan, the French consulate said Monday. Harry Devert, a 32-year-old New York resident, was last located in Zitacuaro, a western town near a reserve that serves as a nesting ground for monarch butterflies that migrate across North America. According to US and Mexican media, Devert sent a final text message to his girlfriend in New York on January 25 before disappearing. In his message, Devert wrote that the army had escorted him out of an area because "it was too dangerous for me to be" there. His family says that his bank account has not shown any movements since then and that his cellphone has been deactivated. The government has deployed almost 10,000 troops and federal police to Michoacan to restore security amid a year-long struggle between vigilante militias and the Knights Templar drug cartel. Devert, who was writing a blog titled "A New Yorker Travels," planned to ride his motorcycle to Brazil for the World Cup and then head to Ushuaia, in Argentina's Tierra del Fuego region at southern tip of South America.

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## US weighs drone strike against American: reports

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The US government is debating whether to kill an American citizen abroad who is allegedly part of the Al-Qaeda network and plotting attacks against the United States, media reported Monday.

President Barack Obama's administration is weighing the possible drone strike against the American who is in a country that refuses to allow US military action on its soil, CNN television reported, citing an unnamed US official.

The identity of the American

Al-Qaeda militant and his location remain secret, as officials fear revealing that information would lead him to go deeper into hiding and derail a potential drone missile strike. The news was first reported by the Associated Press.

US intelligence agencies and the Pentagon declined to comment on the reports when contacted by AFP.

Under new guidelines handed down by Obama last May, a decision to use lethal force against an American

overseas has to be based on "a continuing, imminent threat to US persons" and only if capturing the terror suspect is "not feasible."

According to the media reports, two officials said the American was an Al-Qaeda operative who has been directly responsible for attacks against US citizens abroad and who continues to plan attacks using homemade bombs.

The Justice Department reportedly was still working to build a case against the American Al-Qaeda member, which

would be required for any decision to go ahead.

The new rules for drone strikes came in for criticism last week from the Republican chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, Mike Rogers of Michigan, who accused the administration last week of undermining counter-terrorism efforts.

Obama approved new guidelines after coming under fire for approving the targeting of another US citizen, radical Yemeni-American cleric Anwar al-Awlaki, who was

killed in a drone strike in Yemen in September 2011.

Three other Americans have been killed in counter-terror strikes but were not intentionally targeted, US officials admitted last year.

Human rights groups say the drone strike program remains shrouded in secrecy and lacks clear legal limits.

US officials defend the program as carefully regulated and say the strikes have weakened Al-Qaeda's core leadership while reducing the threat of an attack on US soil.

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## TVs, cars, computers linked to obesity in poor nations



WASHINGTON (AFP) - In low-income countries, people with cars, televisions and computers at home are far more likely to be obese than people with no such conveniences, researchers said Monday.

Eating more, sitting still and missing out on exercise by driving are all likely reasons why people with these modern-day luxuries could be gaining weight and putting themselves at risk for diabetes, researchers said.

The findings in the Canadian Medical Journal suggest

extra caution is needed to prevent health dangers in nations that are adopting a Western lifestyle.

"With increasing uptake of modern-day conveniences -- TVs, cars, computers -- low and middle income countries could see the same obesity and diabetes rates as in high income countries that are the result of too much sitting, less physical activity and increased consumption of calories," said lead author Scott Lear of Simon Fraser University.

"This can lead to potentially

devastating societal health care consequences in these countries."

The same relationship did not exist in developed nations, suggesting the harmful effects of these devices on health are already reflected in the high obesity and diabetes rates.

The study included nearly 154,000 adults from 17 countries across the income spectrum, from the United States, Canada and Sweden to China, Iran, India, Bangladesh and Pakistan.

Televisions were the most common electronic device in developing countries -- 78 percent of households had one -- followed by 34 percent that owned a computer and 32 percent with a car.

Just four percent of people in low-income countries had all three, compared to 83 percent of people in high-income countries.

Those that did have electronics were fatter and less active than those that did not.

People with all three were almost a third less active, sat 20 percent more of the time and had a nine-centimeter (3.5 inches) increase in waist circumference, compared to those that owned none of the devices.

The obesity prevalence in developing countries rose from 3.4 percent among those that owned no devices to 14.5 percent for those that owned all three.

In Canada, about 25 percent of the population is obese and in the United States, about 35 percent of people are obese.

"Our findings emphasize the importance of limiting the amount of time spent using household devices, reducing sedentary behavior and encouraging physical activity in the prevention of obesity and diabetes," said the study.

## January worst month in China's human H7N9 outbreak: govt

BEIJING (AFP) - A total of 31 people died from H7N9 bird flu in mainland China in January, the government announced Monday, making it by far the worst month in the outbreak.

There were a total of 127 confirmed human H7N9 cases in January, according to a statement by the National Health and Family Planning Commission (NHFPC).

The number is almost as high as for the whole of last year, when China had 144 confirmed cases including 46 deaths.

Flu viruses are seasonal and the first human cases emerged

in February 2013, so that the outbreak did not encompass all of last winter.

It has reignited fears that a bird flu virus could mutate to become easily transmissible between people, threatening to trigger a pandemic.

But NHFPC spokesman Yao Hongwen told a press conference: "So far the features of human infection of the H7N9 bird flu have not had obvious changes and most cases remained sporadic."

The World Health Organisation also says there is no evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission.

## In US, not all drugs are reviewed equally: study

WASHINGTON (AFP) - Consumers may expect that medical treatments approved for the US market are safe and thoroughly tested, but a study out said that is not always the case.

Some drugs undergo more rigorous testing than others, while most are never compared to existing treatments to see if they are better or worse, said the study by researchers at Yale University.

The study of the American Medical Association reviewed the process by which 183 new therapies were accepted for US market by the Food and Drug Administration over a seven-year span.

Some 37 percent were allowed on the market based on the results of a single trial that was never replicated or confirmed.

Fewer than half were compared to treatments already on the market.

Although patients may think that doctors only dole out safe and effective medicines, a closer look at the FDA process raised doubts, said Downing.

In some cases, the FDA's "regulatory flexibility" can pave the way for faster approval of "potentially effective therapies for life-threatening diseases, such as certain cancers, or those diseases for which there is no existing effective treatment," said the study.

To insist that all drugs meet the same standard could result in higher costs and longer wait times.

Still, researchers said the public and the regulatory community should be aware of the vastly differing standards for market approval.

The researchers described their work as the first systematic analysis of the standard used by the FDA in making drug approval decisions.

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## Carolina Herrera looks to future in NYC show



Designer Carolina Herrera (L) and Dita Von Teese backstage at the Carolina Herrera fashion show during Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week Fall 2014

NEW YORK (AFP) - At 75, Carolina Herrera is showing no sign of slowing down or wallowing in nostalgia, unveiling her 2014 fall/winter collection on Monday for the contemporary woman looking to the future.

The doyenne of New York Fashion Week, the Venezuelan-born designer known for her elegance and sophistication has dressed first ladies, society women and film stars all over the world.

Vogue editor-in-chief Anna Wintour and burlesque dancer Dita von Teese sat front row at the Lincoln Center show, which was crammed to bursting with fashionistas, fellow designers and journalists.

Top model Karlie Kloss

opened the show in a black boiled wool coat, pony skirt and cashmere turtleneck -- and closed it in a red silk embroidered evening gown.

Congratulated by fellow New York designers and mobbed by acolytes back-

stage, Herrera told AFP that her collection had been designed "for the woman of today but looking to the future."

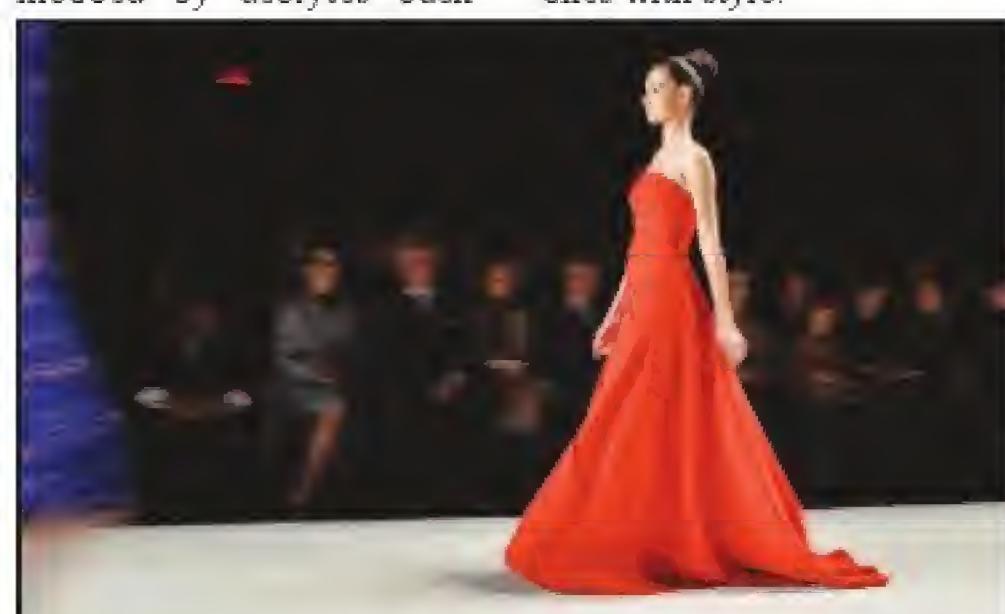
"I'm a bit tired of all those collections that have a reference to the 40s, the 20s, the 30s," she said.

"I need something else. I need the future. That's why the proportion was very important for me -- the low heels and something different from the things we have seen before."

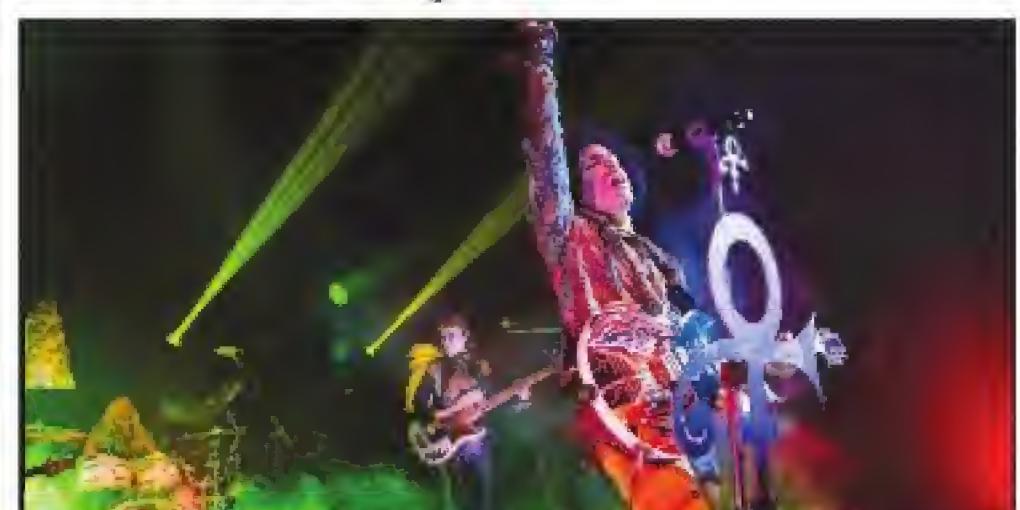
Her models wore their hair swept high on the head in buns with tall, Turkish fez-inspired woollen hats perched on top.

Flowing gowns to the ground in georgette and organza were cinched at the waist with big, bold-colored belts.

Herrera said her inspiration was young women but -- in the celebrity-obsessed age -- the ones with style.



## Prince plays biggest 'surprise' London concert yet



LONDON (AFP) - Prince has played his biggest surprise concert in London yet as he pursues his reinvention by fronting an all-girl band in a series of small concerts.

After playing to a few hundred ecstatic fans in Camden over two nights last week, some 2,000 enthusiasts waited hours to see the superstar strut his stuff at the Shepherd's Bush Empire late Sunday.

The last time Prince played a series of concerts in London, it was a 21-night residency at the 20,000-capacity O2 Arena in 2007.

In more modest circumstances on Sunday, Prince played for two and a half hours, opening a funk-filled set with one of his best-known songs, "Let's Go Crazy", an AFP reporter at the concert said.

The show was only announced a few hours beforehand when members of Prince's new group 3RDEYE-GIRL appeared on a BBC

radio show.

"I've been on watch since Wednesday, and when I saw they were going to make an announcement, I was ready to go when they said which venue it was going to be," said one fan who has already seen Prince 30 or 40 times.

When the doors opened finally at 7:15 pm fans had a pleasant surprise -- tickets were just £10 (12 euros, \$16.50).

Once the show began, the crowd roared its approval every time Prince took centre stage, even for his new group's song "Plectrum Electrum".

The 55-year-old American also took to the piano for a solo medley including "Diamonds and Pearls", "Purple Rain", "When Doves Cry" and "Sign O' the Times".

Prince laughed with the crowd about the low price of the tickets, saying: "That's nice -- that's what we used to pay to go to concerts when I was a kid."



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## Vietnam's hit game developer clips wings of Flappy Bird



HANOI (AFP) - The Vietnamese developer behind the smash-hit free game Flappy Bird has pulled his creation from online stores after announcing that its runaway success had ruined his "simple life".

Technology experts say the addictive and notoriously difficult game rose from obscurity at its release last May to become one of the most downloaded free mobile games on Apple's App Store and

Google's Play store.

"Flappy Bird' is a success of mine. But it also ruins my simple life. So now I hate it," the game's creator Nguyen Ha Dong tweeted.

"I am sorry 'Flappy Bird' users, 22 hours from now, I will take 'Flappy Bird' down. I cannot take this anymore," he wrote Saturday in a message that had been retweeted nearly 140,000 times by Monday afternoon.

Flappy Bird was not available on the US or UK Apple app stores on Monday.

"It is not anything related to legal issues. I just cannot keep it anymore," Dong tweeted from his @dongatory handle -- which has seen its follower count grow by tens of thousands in the last few days.

Flappy Bird features 2D retro-style graphics. The aim of the game is to direct a flying bird between oncoming sets of pipes without touching them.

Dong has said in interviews that his brainchild was pulling in as much as \$50,000 per day in revenue from online advertising banners.

The free game has been the number one app in Apple's iOS App Store in more than 100 countries, according to Anh Minh Do, editor at the Tech in Asia online media company.

Some Vietnamese online commentators have speculated that Dong took down the game after being pressured by Japan's Nintendo -- Flappy Bird's simple graphics appear to owe some debt to Nintendo's early Mario brothers games.

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## Britain's River Thames on flood alert



LONDON (AFP) - Flooding in Britain spread along the River Thames and began to threaten London on Monday, as a political row over the handling of devastating winter storms erupted into the open.

The Environment Agency issued 14 severe flood warnings -- meaning lives are at risk -- in the affluent counties of Surrey and Berkshire to the west of the capital, after the Thames broke its banks.

Some areas are already under water, including parts of the Great Windsor Park, the grounds of Queen Elizabeth II's castle at Windsor, which itself is built on higher ground.

The Berkshire fire service rescued at least 16 people on Monday, including several from their homes in the flooded village of Wraysbury, a spokeswoman said.

In the village, residents donned waders and even a full wetsuit as the waters rose. Some complained that the village had been abandoned by the authorities, who are al-

ready under fire over their handling of flooding in southwest England.

"It's been bloody hopeless, there has been nobody to help at all," Sylvia Davies, the wife of the parish council chairman, told AFP. "We need sandbags desperately but they have only just arrived."

Somerset in southwest England has been under water for weeks after the wettest January since 1766, and more bad weather is expected over the coming days.

Devastated communities have criticised the official response, saying more should have been done to protect their properties from flooding.

At the weekend, communities minister Eric Pickles admitted the government made a "mistake" in not dredging rivers but insisted the decision had been taken on the advice of the Environment Agency, a government body.

"I am really sorry that we took the advice... we thought we were dealing with ex-

perts," said Pickles, a member of Prime Minister David Cameron's Conservative party.

Chris Smith, the head of the Environment Agency who has been fighting off widespread calls to resign, hit back on Monday, accusing ministers of holding back vital funds.

Smith, a former minister for the now opposition Labour government, said the Treasury had limited the amount the agency could spend on flood management in Somerset, which has been hardest hit by the rising waters.

The government last week announced £130 million (155 million euros, \$215 million) in extra funding for emergency repairs and maintenance.

London itself is protected by the Thames Barrier, although a suburb to the south of the capital, Croydon, announced plans to divert rising floodwaters caused by heavy rain away from homes and businesses by pumping them into a pedestrian underpass.

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## Latin leaders to sign Asia-targeted trade pact



CARTAGENA (AFP) - Colombia's President Juan Manuel Santos met Monday with the leaders of Chile, Mexico and Peru to sign a major regional trade pact formed with an eye on Asian markets.

"We are going to build a trade agreement of transcendent importance which will allow tariffs to be lifted on 92 percent of products," Santos said in the Colombian resort city of Cartagena.

Tariffs on some sensitive goods, however, such as imports of banana and coffee in Mexico or corn and beans in Colombia, will remain unaffected for up to 17 years.

The trade pact must be ratified by each country's legislature, with officials estimating that it will be 2015 before the tariffs come down.

The four countries are mem-

bers of the Pacific Alliance, a Latin American trade bloc formed less than two years ago to promote trade with Asia.

Attending the opening ceremony were Chile's President Sebastian Pinera, Mexico's President Enrique Pena Nieto and Peru's President Ollanta Humala.

Also taking part was Costa Rica's President Laura Chinchilla, whose country was recently admitted to the group but is not yet a full member.

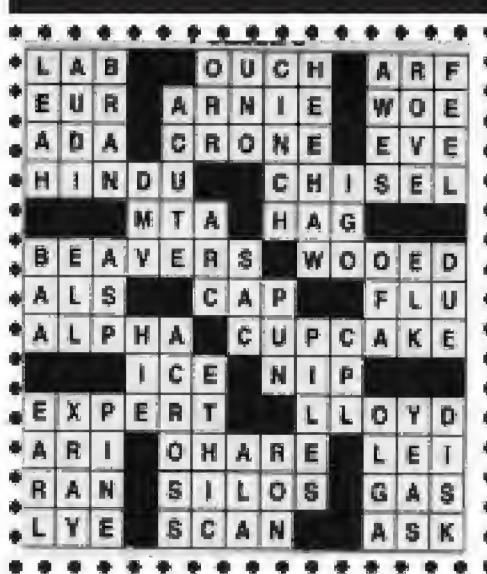
"We will do everything possible to enrich and strengthen this process," Chinchilla said.

The bloc encompasses 212 million people in a region that accounts for more than a third of Latin America's gross domestic product.

Colombian trade minister Santiago Rojas said the hope is that the pact will promote efficiencies among industries.

He said it also will also allow the bloc to take advantage of free trade agreements that one member may have with other countries in the Asia-Pacific region.

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## Panama president blames former canal chief for crisis

PANAMA CITY (AFP) - Panamanian President Ricardo Martinelli Monday blamed the Panama Canal's former administrator for the current crisis surrounding its massive expansion project -- where work has been halted over a billion-dollar payment dispute.

Martinelli said Alberto Aleman Zubieta was "responsible for what has happened," referring to the row over who will cover \$1.6 billion in cost overruns in the project to enlarge the 80-kilometer (50-mile) waterway linking the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

Aleman Zubieta, a Panamanian engineer, was in charge of the independent Panama Canal Authority in 2009 when it awarded the largest contract in the expansion project -- worth some \$3.2 billion -- to the GUPC consortium led by

Spanish company Sacyr.

The GUPC bid was \$363 million lower than budgeted by the canal authority and well below bids from competing companies.

In an interview on Panamanian television, Martinelli suggested Aleman Zubieta and the canal authority should have anticipated the GUPC was underbidding.

"Everyone here knew the state of the company Sacyr, that it was having financial problems," Martinelli said, dubbing the current situation "the chronicle of a death foretold."

The canal authority and the GUPC consortium have locked horns since December over the overruns on widening the canal to accommodate massive cargo ships in the century-old waterway, which han-

dles five percent of global seaborne trade.

GUPC claims unforeseen geological difficulties have forced them to spend much more on cement than expected. They say that they based their estimates on data provided by the Canal Authority that was incorrect.

The canal expansion is one of the world's most ambitious civil engineering projects and was due to be completed next year -- but the builders have said completion may now be delayed up to five years.

The original canal, built by the United States mostly with workers brought in from the Caribbean, was completed in 1914.

The canal generates \$960 million a year for Panama, nearly 10 percent of the country's total annual income.

## US takes India to WTO on solar energy

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said Monday it was taking India to the WTO to open up its solar industry, raising a new dispute weeks after a bitter feud over a diplomat's arrest.

The United States asked for talks under the World Trade Organization to change India's requirements for the use of domestic content as part of the energy-hungry country's plan to boost solar power.

"This kind of discrimination is against WTO rules and we are determined to stand up for US workers and businesses," US Trade Representative Michael Froman told reporters.

Froman insisted that the action was consistent with calls

by President Barack Obama's administration to work with India on renewable energy. The world's two largest democracies have both identified climate change as a major area for cooperation.

"Domestic content requirements detract from successful cooperation on clean energy and actually impede India's deployment of solar energy by raising the cost," Froman said.

Under the WTO process, the Geneva-based body would set up talks between the United States and India to find a solution. If the consultations do not succeed within 30 days, the United States could ask the WTO to set up a panel to settle the dispute.

The move comes after US

authorities in December arrested a New York-based Indian diplomat on charges of underpaying her servant and lying on her visa application, setting off one of the worst rifts in years between the countries.

The row abated a month ago when the diplomat, Devyani Khobragade, was allowed to return to India just as she was being indicted. Indian lawmakers and commentators accused US authorities of humiliating the diplomat through a strip-search.

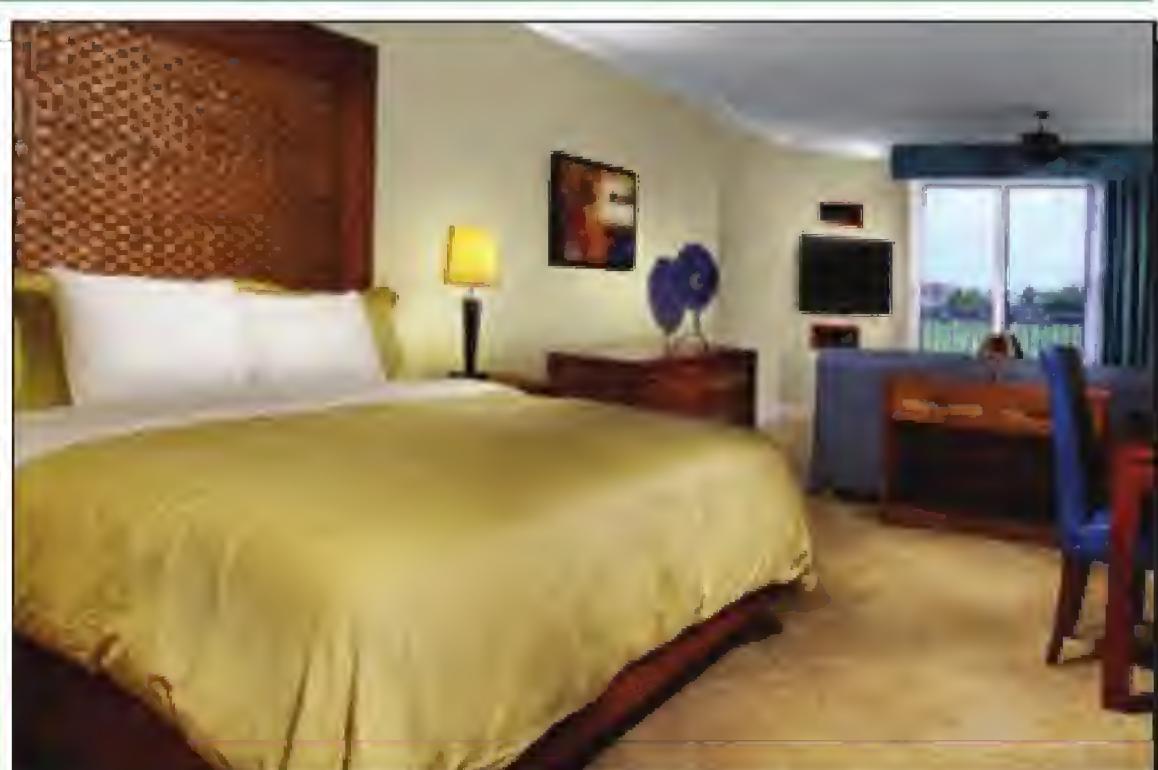
Froman said that the Obama administration valued relations with India and considered discussion of disputes to be part of "maturing" trade ties.



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menu is burgers-the way they were meant to be, thick and juicy, made fresh daily and 100% pure beef, the kind that made the hamburger a traditional American treat.

However, beginning at 8am, patrons can now order 2

eggs any style (omelets with 3 fillings are \$7.99) and toast for a price of only \$4.99 or All You Can Eat Pancakes for \$6.99! A new plate called the "Home Run" comes with 2 eggs, bacon or sausage, 2 pancakes, toast & home fries - for only \$9.99! Best of all - unlimited coffee or tea - that is, refillable and never ending is only \$.79! Breakfast is served from 8am until noon. Famous for their fries made from fresh potatoes, Aaron has been working for months on devising the most irresistible home fries recipe, chunky and tender with skins still on; after much testing and tasting, he got the thumbs up from his harshest critic, Rosie; so this is another treat you have to try.

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# Who won what at

**SOCHI (AFP)** - Who won what at the 2014 Winter Olympics on Monday:

## MEN - Speed skating - short track - 1500m

Canada's Charles Hamelin claimed his third Olympic gold with victory in the 1500m with China's Han Tianyu taking silver and Victor Ahn giving hosts Russia their first ever Olympic short track medal with bronze.

Hamelin, 29, previously won gold in the 500m and the 5000m relay in the 2010 Vancouver Games.

"It's not my best distance, but I had a really good start and was able to control the race afterwards," said Hamelin, wearing a new high-tech spandex suit.

It was a fifth Olympic medal for Ahn, formerly known as Ahn Hyun-Soo, who won gold in the 1000m, 1500m and 5000m relay for South Korea in 2006, before switching nationalities after failing to qualify for Vancouver.

## Biathlon - 12.5km pursuit

France took its first gold of the Sochi Olympics when Martin Fourcade won the biathlon pursuit but Norwegian legend Ole Einar Bjoerndalen narrowly missed out on an outright Winter Games medals record.

Bjoerndalen started the race equal with Norwegian cross country ski great Bjoern Dachlie on the all-time record of 12 medals won for the Winter Olympics.

But despite showing good ski speed, Bjoerndalen missed targets in the second prone and both standing shootings to come in fourth in 34:14.5 just 1.7sec behind France's Jean Guillaume Beatrix in third.

"I think I had the chance to win. When I missed the shot, I knew that was the end for me. I was not strong enough on the shooting," said Bjoerndalen who still has four more events to race in Sochi to get the 13-medal record.

Fourcade, who took his first gold to add to his silver in the mass start at Vancouver in 2010, dominated the race from the mid-stage and even had the time to clinch his first triumph after a clear final shooting.

He finished in 33:48.6, 14.1sec ahead of Ondrej Moravec of the Czech Republic who came in second for silver.

## Speed Skating - 500m

Michel Mulder saw off a fierce challenge from his Dutch team-mates to win the



(From L) Netherlands' silver medalist Jan Smeekens, Netherlands' gold medalist Michel Mulder and Netherlands' bronze medalist Ronald Mulder pose on the podium during the Men's Speed Skating 500 m Flower Ceremony



(from L) China's silver medalist Han Tianyu, Canada's gold medalist Charles Hamelin and Russia's bronze medalist Victor

500m speed skating gold as the Netherlands swept the podium

Mulder, 27, won with a combined time from his two races of 69.31sec, beating compatriot Jan Smeekens by just 0.01sec in a thrilling climax to the competition.

"When I crossed the line I just didn't know. Then I saw that I had won and I couldn't believe it," said Mulder

Ronald Mulder, the twin brother of Michel, took bronze in a time of 69.46sec.

## Freestyle skiing - moguls

Alex Bilodeau retained his men's moguls title with a stunning score of 26.31 as Canada continued to dominate the discipline.

Just as they had done in the women's moguls, Canada also took silver through Mikael Kingsbury, with a score of 24.71.

On Saturday, sisters Justine and Chloe Dufour-Lapointe

took gold and silver in the women's event.

Alexandr Smyshlyayev (24.34) gave Russia some joy and prevented a Canadian clean sweep by pipping Marc-Antoine Gagnon (23.35) for bronze.

## WOMEN - Alpine skiing - Super-combined

Germany's Maria Hoefl-Riesch defended her super-combined gold, proving she was the woman to beat in the discipline.

The 29-year-old, who also won the world title last year, posted a total time of 2min 34.62sec after one downhill and one slalom run.

She finished ahead of Austria's Nicole Hosp at 0.40sec and US favourite Julia Mancuso, who made a key mistake half way through the course to finish third at 0.53 despite leading after the morning's downhill.

# the Winter Olympics



Sweden's Per Spett competes in the men's moguls finals at the Rosa Khutor Extreme Park. He came in at the 17th place with 20.24.



Gold medallist Germany's Maria Hoefl-Riesch (L) and Bronze medallist US skier Julia Mancuso pose by the podium after the Women's Alpine Skiing Super Combined Flower Ceremony at the Rosa Khutor Alpine Center, silver went for Austria's Nicole Hosp.



Argentina's Macarena Simari Birkner competes during the Women's Alpine Skiing Super Combined Downhill



France's Martin Fourcade competes to win gold in the Men's Biathlon 12.5 km Pursuit at the Laura Cross-Country Ski and Biathlon Center

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## Football: Bayern blow as Ribery misses Arsenal clash

BERLIN (AFP) - Bayern Munich winger Franck Ribery will miss next week's Champions League clash at Arsenal after undergoing surgery on bruised buttocks.

The France international was confirmed an absentee for the last 16 first leg game at the Emirates Stadium in a statement on the German champion's website on Monday.

"Ribery will miss upcoming matches, notably the last 16 Champions League game against Arsenal in London," it read.

Ribery, 30, who had the operation last Thursday, is "on the mend" the statement added, and will resume training next week.

Monday's news came after



Bayern coach Pep Guardiola had expressed hope that Ribery would make the February 19 Arsenal fixture.

"Hopefully, he can play in London. Franck is important, I hope he can train as soon as possible and we are waiting on him," the Spaniard said last Friday.

## Olympics: Takanashi shows off dominance as history beckons

ROSA KHUTOR (AFP) - Japanese teen star Sara Takanashi showed she had conquered the normal hill in Rosa Khutor on Monday, displaying her best training performance so far, a day before women's ski jumping makes its historic Olympic debut.

The 17-year-old World Cup leader jumped over 100 metres in all three training jumps, finishing first in two.

Austria's Daniela Iraschko-Stolz, her closest rival, won the second jump and finished third in both others.

Todday's competition -- the first time women's ski jumping will feature at the Olympic Games -- looks set to be a face-off between the Japanese teenager and the 30-year-old Austrian.



Unlike in their previous two training sessions, which were scheduled in the afternoon, the women jumped on Monday in the evening and under floodlights, as they will on Today.

But that was of little concern: "I really like to jump at night," said the Japanese sensation.

Unlike men's ski jumping, which has featured at every Olympic Games since 1924, the women's discipline has only achieved late recognition, with the first world championships held in 2009 and a first World Cup season in 2011-2012.

US world champion Sarah Hendrickson proved she was still a fighter, with a vastly improved performance on the floodlit hill.

The 19-year-old has been struggling to come back after a knee injury in August and has not competed since.

In her first training sessions she finished in the bottom five but in her last jump on Monday she was able to climb 10 places to 18th.

Ahead of Today's competition, she tried to save energy by skipping the first jump in each session.

"(The knee) is not 100-percent recovered and I need more strength. I've done three jumps in previous training sessions but I've not done three jumps in training two or three days in a row," she said.

While she would not miss Today's debut for the world, "I'm planning on taking the rest of the season off until my knee has recovered," she added.

## RCA wins Dakota with two goals by Jean Pierre

ORANJESTAD - The Youth League of AVB is doing very well. All games are proceeding as scheduled both in the Minor division, Major and Junior divisions. Last Saturday the games in the Minor category were played in the presence of many fans on the Bibichi Krosendijk field in Dakota, RCA was the visiting team. Whenever RCA and Dakota meet each other in a clash, this always brings out the fans. After what was considered a very heated game, RCA results the winner with two goals by Jean Pierre van den Linden. RCA wins 2-0. In other games, the Piedra Plat team, Britannia Cas Bon/Bright Bakery/CMB was victorious over the Noord Bubali team winning with a score of 2-0. The youth Maarten van Hest scored the two goals for Bubali. Also, in Dakota, the La Fama team and the Estudiantes paired off. Here the Estudiantes wins with a score of 1-0. Daniel Perez was the goal scorer. All in all these were great games played with much enthusiasm and enjoyed by all!



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## Journalist hurt in Brazil protest brain dead

RIO DE JANEIRO (AFP) - A Brazilian journalist injured while reporting on violent clashes with protesters in Rio was declared brain dead on Monday, highlighting concerns about security just four months ahead of the World Cup.

Television news cameraman Santiago Ilidio Andrade, 49, was left in a coma after being struck on the head by a flare during protests against bus fare increases last Thursday. Rio de Janeiro's public health office said Monday that neurosurgeons at Souza Aguiar municipal hospital had declared the married father-of-one brain dead.

The latest violence has renewed concerns about security for the World Cup, which protesters have vowed to target once more. The Brazilian Association of Investigative Journalism said Monday that 117 journalists had been injured since the outbreak of violent social unrest during last year's Confederations Cup.

## Aruba wins TK5 Cup in Suriname

ORANJESTAD - Saturday, February 8th, the TK5 championship took place in Suriname in the Congress hall in front of a very large audience. To our surprise a group of workers from Aruba who are working in Suriname came to support the Aruba team. Mr. Lake, the leader of the Aruba workers in Suriname, presented a plaque to Clifford Rasmijn of the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation. This was in recognition for the good work that he is doing among the youth of Aruba. Aruba's team consisted of 5 athletes from three different Taekwondo schools in Aruba.

*These are the Aruban athletes:*

- 1.Cleff Dede from San Nicolas Taekwondo Center.
- 2.Rasheed Lowe from Brazil Taekwondo Stichting.
- 3.Samuels Jones from San Nicolas Taekwondo Center.
- 4.Jonathan Baez from Noord Taekwondo Center.
- 5.Justin Arrindell from Brazil Taekwondo Stichting.

Grand Master Chaco Jose Cornelio, the head referee at the championship, explained the rules to each coach that the games would be of 2 rounds and five minutes. Each athlete would fight the first round of one minute. The second round would be a 5 minute round. They could tag to change athletes, just as is done in



Wrestling. However, here the athlete has to have kicked three times before making changes.

Aruba's first game was against Arthy Lie's team from Suriname. In the first round Aruba gave the Arthy Lie's team a beating with Jonathan Baez sending an athlete to the floor and unable to continue the game. This gave Aruba 10 extra points putting the score at 36 to 4. There was already a difference of 30 points, making Aruba the winner of the first game.

In Aruba's second game for the cup, Aruba met the Rodney Wijnendaal's Suriname team, who came to beat the Aruba team. However, they were rather molested by Jonathan Baez and Justin Arrindell. In the first round Aruba was ahead with a score of 13 to 7. In the second and final round,



the Aruba team ended with a score of 24 to 12, making the Aruba team the victorious team for the second consecutive year in Suriname!

Congratulations to Clifford Rasmijn of the Brazil Taekwondo Foundation who prepared the Aruba team so well since last November.

*Great guys...keep up the good work and welcome back home!*